

St. Peter's Church in Plant City
Holy Eucharist Rite II



8:00 am | November 19, 2023
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome, Friends! Whether we are old or young, whether we are first-time or long-time worshippers, whether we come full of doubts or confidence, joy or sorrow, in this place we meet at God's table as God's children.

Prayer books and hymnals are in the pews, but the service can be found in its entirety in this leaflet. Holy Eucharist Rite II begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Offering plates can be found at the doors, and mail-in and online giving options are also available.

Restrooms are available in Bender Hall, through the north doors and down the ramp. Individual restrooms are to your left. Men's and women's rooms with changing tables are through the second door and to your far right.

A nursery is available from 8:45 – 11:45 each Sunday. Children are always welcome in the church, with their wiggles and noises.

While we are searching for our new Rector, Fr. Barry and Deacon Denise will be available for pastoral needs, and Senior Warden Patti Booher will cover administrative needs. You can find their email contact information on the back page.

The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Judges 4:1-7 *(Please be seated)*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-hagoyim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter: Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he shows us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 (*Please stand*)

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more

talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Barry Kubler (*Please be seated*)

The Nicene Creed (*standing*)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People *(adapted from The Episcopal Network for Stewardship.Org)*

Deacon Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community.

Leader We are generous with our gifts,

People **Because we are Rooted in Abundance.**

I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day, and for our congregation. For our clergy, our diocesan leaders, and for those in our diocesan cycle of prayer: St. George's, Bradenton; St. Giles', Pinellas Park; St. Hilary's, Fort Myers; St. James', Port Charlotte; St. James' House of Prayer, Tampa. We pray especially for this season in which we celebrate our stories of leadership and our support for mission...

We are generous with our gifts of leadership,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask your prayers for our Nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a distribution of wealth that helps the poor and the marginalized ...

We are generous with our gifts of peace,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list, Presiding Bishop Curry, his family and medical team, and those we name now in silence or aloud ...

We are generous with our gifts of healing,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask your prayers for those who have died, especially Laura, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For those on our parish list, and for those we name now in silence or aloud ...

We are generous with our gifts of support,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world ...

We are generous with our gratitude,

Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

We pray as we search for a new rector:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift; Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who will choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin (*Kneel, sit, or stand*)

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace (*Please stand*)

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Welcome & Announcements (*Please be seated*)

Prayer for birthdays, anniversaries, and milestones

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p.361 – standing)*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The people stand, kneel, or sit, then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Prayer after Communion

God of Abundance and Grace, by the provision of this feast, the Sacrament of our Savior, Jesus Christ, you have united us together in purpose and place. May we who have gathered and broken bread now share the living Word, being rooted in Abundance; serving you with joy and steadfast faith, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Priest blesses the people

People **Amen**

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people (Please stand)

People **Thanks be to God.**

Ministers serving today:

Celebrant: The Rev. Barry Kubler

Reader: Vonceal Kubler DOK Prayer Leader: Jane Bender

Eucharistic Minister: Vonceal Kubler

Are you on our email list? More announcements can be found in our weekly “This Week at St. Peter’s” email. Remember that you can also check <https://www.stpetersplantcity.com/calendar> for up-to-date calendar listings.

Pray For:

- Barbara & Gary, Bernie, Bill, Betty, Bobbie, Carley, Celeste, Charley, Chris, Christine, Daphne, Erick, Evelyn, Frankie, Glen, Janet, Jeff & Jule, Joan, Jonathan, Judy, Ken & Gayle, Logan, Marilyn, Mary Alice, Mary Katherine, Matthew, Michelle, Millie, Peter, Priscilla & Robert, Rick, Rob, Sally, Sarah, Shirley, People of the Middle East
- The victims of violence and injustice in our own country and around the world
- Those celebrating birthdays: Jenny Jelsovsky 11/20, Joyce Ludwick 11/20, Bob Eukovich 11/21, Emma Kordek 11/22, Nicole Kordek 11/22, Glenn Mathias 11/24, Sherri Black 11/24, Nathaniel Ouellette 11/24
- Clergy: Doug, Barry, Denise, John; and Staff: Sarah, Helen, Tony, Celeste
- St. Peter's Vestry: Carolyn, Cindy, Dick, Eda, Felix, Patti, Patty, Ron, Starr
- Members of our community serving in the armed forces: Andrew, Brendan, Christopher, Dayna, Forrest, Jeremy, Kyle, Logan, Matt, Matthew, Nick, Paul, Robert, Scott, Timothy, Yasmine

Take note:

NO Pathfinders or TruthWalkers Nov 19 – Worship in the Park

- Pathfinders: Nov 26 - Liturgy of the Day-Fr. Barry Kubler
- TruthWalkers: Nov 26 – “The Holy Family” Godly Play Lesson
- Remember to RSVP for Wednesday’s Engage Café by noon Monday.
- Thanksgiving service Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7pm in the church.
- We are accepting nominations for Vestry members and Lay Delegates to Diocesan Convention. DUE Dec. 17, 2023. See TW@SP for important details.
- Can you help! The nursery is in need of small waters, juice boxes, and individually wrapped snacks (no peanuts please). These can be left in the nursery or the church office. Thank you so much for your support.
- Meals on Wheels Committee is putting together care baskets for Plant City’s MOW recipients at Christmas. Please see detailed information in TW@SP.

Parish Administration:

Rector:

Deacon: The Rev. Denise Healy

Parish Administrator: Sarah Dean

Director of Music Ministries: Helen Jones

Treasurer: Trey Stevens

Asst. Treasurers: Mary Alice Steinke, Sherlyn Eukovich

Sexton: Tony Wilson

Nursery Leader: Celeste Timmons-Johnson

**Vestry: Starr Anderson, Patti Booher (Senior Warden), Carolyn Durst,
Ron Everett (Junior Warden), Cindy Gutowski, Felix Haynes,
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